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State Library Newsletter

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Message from the State Librarian

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Election Day 2020 has passed and despite the fact that the coronavirus affected how and where people voted, the process worked in Missouri. Libraries have always served as polling places, gathering locations for issue and candidate forums, and a source

for neutral information. This year has been different obviously, and libraries once again have stepped up to do more. Voter turnout, despite the pandemic, was high and there has certainly been more engagement in the process than I have ever seen.

Across the state, libraries have used curbside service as a new way to provide information about voting and voter registration. You added or expanded notary service and hosted virtual candidate forums. Many of you have posted election information on your websites and social media outlets. All of these things are important, but never as critical as they were this year.

I know I sound like a broken record, but libraries have taken the obstacles to process and community engagement and turned them into opportunities to provide better service.

Thank you, once again, for doing the hard work to showcase why libraries are critical social and civic infrastructure. We are essential to democracy in so many ways, and that was never more evident than in the 2020 election.



Missouri State Library News

Creating a Welcoming Physical Space at the Library to Support Adults with Autism

The Missouri State Library has partnered with Monarch Center for Autism to create a webinar series on how libraries can help serve their patrons who are on the autism spectrum. The second installment of this series will be held on Nov. 18 at 10 a.m. To sign up please click [here](#).

If you missed our first session it is available in our archives [here](#).

For any questions, contact Merideth Johnson, merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov or (573) 751-1822.

Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library Webinar

Assistive Technology for Libraries, Jan. 14, 10 – 11 a.m.

Differently-abled patrons exist in every community. What can public libraries do to be more welcoming to these patrons? Incorporate assistive technologies! Ranging from low-tech braille signage to specialized software and devices, assistive technologies help to increase the independence of these patrons. This webinar will cover:

- Making your library's websites and documents accessible to patrons using screen reader software
- Learning about software that can be used to make public access computers and smart devices accessible

- Discovering the steps your library can take to make sure online resources are accessible to patrons with disabilities

Presented by Amy Nickless, Adult Services Librarian, Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library.

This webinar will take place in GoToTraining. Registration is required and can be completed at [Assistive Technology for Libraries](#).



New Census Database from Missouri State Archives Now Available

A new database from the Missouri State Archives is now available on the Secretary of State's website. The Missouri State Archives has territorial, state, federal and special census records from 1752 to 2004, which can be used to locate an ancestor's specific location. They now offer a [searchable index](#) containing some territorial, state and special censuses, plus

federal mortality schedules and browseable images of federal agricultural, manufacturing and industrial schedules.

Explore more Missouri history collections at <http://www.MissouriDigitalHeritage.com>. Institutions wishing to participate in Missouri Digital Heritage may contact mdh@sos.mo.gov.



MOREnet Upcoming Webinars

EBSCO LearningExpress Resources for Job Seekers, Nov. 11, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

If you haven't heard about LearningExpress, or are unfamiliar with the many ways it can be used by job seekers, this is the webinar for you. This career readiness resource has the tools patrons need to prepare for and find a job. From the Computer Skills Center to the Resume and Letter Builders, LearningExpress delivers. The Career Preparation Center provides information

about careers and has practice tests that assist users. There are also components that focus on improving job search, interviewing and networking skills. Join us for the overview so you can assure patrons you have what they need. Registration for this session is available at [EBSCO LearningExpress Resources for Job Seekers](#).

Downloading EBSCO EBooks for Offline Viewing, Nov. 11, 3:30 – 4 p.m.

Want to read an eBook while unplugged from the world? You can download almost any eBook from EBSCO's eBook collection through MOREnet so you can read without Internet

access. Learn how to identify these books and download to a PC or smart device. Registration for this session is available at [Downloading EBSCO EBooks for Offline Viewing](#).

Recording And Screencasting With Zoom, Nov. 20, 10 – 11 a.m.

Besides being an excellent tool for video meetings and group projects, Zoom can also record as you make your presentation. Zoom can also help if you need part of your presentation to be a screencast. This session will walk you

through setting up your Zoom environment to record yourself to save for your audience to view later. Registration for this session is available at [Recording and Screencasting with Zoom](#).

EBSCO Read It! For Schools & Public Libraries, Dec. 3, 3:30 – 4 p.m.

In this session, we'll explore Read It! Designed for middle and high school students as well as adults who have a foundation in English grammar and reading but need adapted reading material for a variety of subjects. Read It! offers

resources to help build background knowledge, conduct research, and improve study skills. Registration for this session is available at [EBSCO Read It! For Schools & Public Libraries](#).

What's New In Google Meet, Dec. 8, 10 – 11 a.m.

Google's video conferencing tool, Meet, has been constantly evolving over the last 6 months. New features are being added and security has been tightened. This session shows all the new features, up to the minute updates and guides you on to make Meet work for you. Registration

for this session is available at [What's New In Google Meet](#).

These are only a few of the upcoming webinars available from MOREnet. Visit [MOREnet's Training Schedule](#) to see the complete list.

2020 MOREnet Virtual Conference, Nov. 16 - 18

Delivering content that provides new resources and innovative technology along with offering an outlet for members to network with peers have always been major drivers of the MOREnet Annual Conference. This year, MOREnet is providing a virtual conference that allows you to collaborate, learn, and share with colleagues.

The event will be free to all members of the MOREnet consortium, and the agenda will be set up in a way that you can learn the entire day with us, or join for just an hour or two. Learn more about and register for the conference at [2020 MOREnet Virtual Conference](#).

Mid-America Library Alliance (MALA) News

New Member of the Get Connected Service

Lockwood Public Library joined the Get Connected courier delivery service in October with a one-day-per-week stop. The library, located in Dade County, serves a population of 923 residents with a collection of more than

11,000 items. Contact Phyllis Hagerman, library director, at librarian@lockwoodmo.com or (417) 232-4204 with questions about Lockwood Public Library's interlibrary loan service. Welcome to the Get Connected service, Lockwood!

MALA Upcoming Webinars

The Art of Delegation: An Essential Management Skill for the New Workplace, Nov. 19, 10 – 11 a.m.

Delegation is essential to freeing up your busy schedule. It is also about investing in the future of your library. Pat Wagner will explain why encouraging staff to tackle new tasks and goals will help retain current employees and increase morale and productivity. This management and supervisory skills webinar

will provide participants with the tools needed to nurture management and leadership skills through appropriate, effective delegation of responsibilities. Registration for this session is available at [The Art of Delegation: An Essential Management Skill for the New Workplace](#).



NETWORK with Your Metro-Area Readers' Advisory Pros, Nov. 20, 9:15 – 10 a.m.

This FREE 45-minute interactive Zoom session moderated by Gregg Winsor, Kaite Stover, and Polli Kenn will provide an opportunity for Readers' Advisors from across the area to come together for community networking, professional growth, or just to find out what everyone else

is reading/watching/listening to. Listen in for insights to the latest book group trends and programming ideas that will leave you with a fresh outlook and new colleagues to discuss where RA is headed next. Visit [MALA's Professional Development](#) web page to register.

An Introduction to "Viewers' Advisory:" Readers' Advisory Goes to the Movies! Dec. 9, 2 – 3 p.m.

Just as every book has its reader, every movie has its watcher. While books and movies share some elements—characters, plot, pacing, tone—there are things movies can do that books can't (and the book isn't always better!). Learn the key elements movies share with books, how they

differ, and how to engage patrons about what they're watching with the same confidence you have in recommending great reading. Viewers' Advisory is a must-have skill for everyone! Visit [MALA's Professional Development](#) web page to register.

Public Library Survey Deadline Reminder

The 2020 Public Library Survey (PLS) will be **due by Nov. 30th**. Late submission of the PLS will likely result in denial of future state aid funding. Because the deadline falls right after the Thanksgiving holiday, it is recommended you complete and submit the survey before **Nov. 26th**.

A few things to remember when filling out this year's survey:

- All answers given will be for the district's reported fiscal year. All COVID-19 related questions should be answered only if services were effected by COVID-19 during the reported year. Otherwise you will select the "Not applicable to reporting period" response. Weeks of branch closures due to COVID-19 will be given as 0 if you had no closures during your reporting period.
- If an outlet was closed and/or had reduced hours as a result of COVID-19,

please remember to account for this when calculating and reporting total outlet hours per year in field 2.28 for each of your outlets.

- If COVID-19 has interfered with your ability to use "typical week" traffic or reference counts to estimate the annual number of library visits or reference transactions please contact cory.mihalik@sos.mo.state.gov for information on how to determine these figures.
- MOLIB2GO members will use the following collection figures relevant to your library's fiscal year. Figures for libraries whose fiscal year ended on Oct. 31st will be emailed the numbers directly as soon as they become available. Circulation statistics for your library can be obtained from the OverDrive dashboard. If you need any assistance, —> please contact missourilib2go@amigos.org.

- EBSCO E-books from MOREnet will not be counted in 7.14b on this year's survey. The databases are included in the total MOREnet database count and in total database usage figures. If you need assistance finding your database usage numbers from MOREnet, please contact help@more.net.

Please contact Cory Mihalik at cory.mihalik@sos.mo.gov with any questions about the Public Library Survey.

MOLIB2GO		Electronic Materials Collection			
1.26 BegRep-Dat	1.27 EndRep-Dat	7.14b E-books	7.15b DL Audio	7.16b Video	7.25 e-Serials
1/1/2019	12/31/2019	39829	12188	352	50
4/1/2019	3/31/2020	41577	12537	353	50
5/1/2019	4/30/2020	42027	12629	353	50
6/1/2019	5/31/2020	42786	12812	353	50
7/1/2019	6/30/2020	43353	13024	353	50
10/1/2019	9/30/2020	49837	14089	353	50
11/1/2019	10/31/2020				



Fiscal Year 2020 State Funding

The Missouri State Library processed Q1-Q2 State Aid Per Capita, Equalization, and Athletes and Entertainers Tax (A&E) payments in mid-October. A total of 160 library districts have been certified to receive state aid per capita this year. Per Capita State Aid funds were distributed at the same \$ 0.50 per capita rates used last year. Equalization funds were distributed to 58 county, city/county and consolidated libraries. Equalization distribution focuses on library districts with the most need as determined by rankings based on assessed valuation and percentage of the county population living in poverty. Libraries that would like to track receipt

of these funds should check the [Missouri Vendor Payment Portal](#). This site provides information on all payments issued through the State of Missouri, including automatic notification when a payment is made. Access is through the library's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN). Payments are also listed on the [State Funding for Missouri Libraries](#) webpage on the Secretary of State's website.

Please direct any questions about State Aid Per Capita, Equalization, or Athlete and Entertainer Tax payments to Cory Mihalik at (417) 895-5000 or cory.mihalik@sos.mo.gov.

Reference Services for YOU: Missouri Documents by Topic

As librarians, we know the frustrations one can face when searching within a database. Even though you are confident there must be something on your topic, you cannot find the magic word or phrase to pull up what you are looking for. To help, we have added topic searches to state documents in our digital collection to make them more findable. These topics are featured in our new "By Topic" box on our [Missouri Government Publications Libguide](#).

The "By Topic" links will display related documents to a topic covered by different state government departments as well as all the various documents covering a specific topic within a single department.

Examples of topics featured:

- [Children and Teens](#)
- [Communicable Diseases](#)



- [Energy](#)
- [Jobs and the Workforce](#)
- [Taxes](#)

Do you have any topics you would like to see added? Are there documents you would like for us to digitize? Let us know! Contact Reference Services by phone, email, or chat. We are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and always appreciate your suggestions!

Phone: (573) 751-3615

Email: libref@sos.mo.gov

Chat: visit mostate.libguides.com and click the "Ask Us" tab on the right

New! Leadership Books From The Missouri State Library

- [Management Basics for Information Professionals, 4th edition](#)
- [The Public Library Director's Toolkit](#)
- [Project Management in Libraries: On Time, On Budget, On Target](#)
- [Build a Great Team: One Year to Success](#)
- [Diversity and Inclusion in Libraries: A Call to Action and Strategies for Success](#)
- [A Trauma-Informed Approach to Library Services](#)
- [Recipes for Mindfulness in Your Library: Supporting Resilience and Community Engagement](#)
- [Practicing Intellectual Freedom in Libraries](#)
- [Guide to Streaming Video Acquisitions](#)
- [Gather 'Round the Table: Food Literacy Programs, Resources, and Ideas for Libraries](#)

We are pleased to offer direct borrowing from the Missouri State Library to Missouri public library directors and branch managers

for continuing education and professional development.

State Library cards are issued in the name of the library director or branch manager. Directors and branch managers are encouraged to borrow items for any of their library's staff with this card by placing a request in our [catalog](#).

To sign up for a card, visit our [guide for Missouri public library directors](#). The guide also features new books, government publications, and other helpful resources.

For assistance with placing requests, obtaining a card, replacing a card, or for additional information, please contact Reference Services by phone, email, or chat. We are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and are always happy to help!

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Around the State

Welcome New Directors!

Shawnie Kennedy – West Plains Public Library

Grant Opportunities

The Missouri State Library is pleased to announce the availability of two LSTA grant opportunities. Both applications are available online on the [Missouri State Library Online Grant Management System](#). The Technology Mini grant application is due by Nov. 16. This approximately five month grant is for smaller quicker technology projects and has a maximum request of \$18,000. Please see the award guidance for details. The Summer Library Program grant application is due by Dec. 1st. The planned grant period for SLP will be from Feb. 1, 2021, to Aug. 15, 2021. The maximum request

amount will be \$8,000. We fully anticipate the programs this year will be easier to manage and implement when compared to 2020. Many of the changes occurring in 2020 have been added as allowable costs for 2021, but please see the award guidance for the specifics. Slides from each respective Application Overview Session will be posted under the LSTA Online Grant Training Handouts section of the [Library Services & Technology Act \(LSTA\) Grant Programs](#) page. If you have questions on these grants or any other LSTA grant, please contact Terry Blauvelt at terry.blauvelt@sos.mo.gov.

[Author Visit Grant](#) • **DEADLINE: Ongoing**

This grant is specifically designed for school or public libraries to bring an author to their community. Virtual events are also applicable. Grants range from \$500 up to \$5,000. All travel for the author must be included as part of a flat rate fee for the author. Other additional costs allowable: publicity and promotional items, up to \$500 towards library materials for collection

development related to the project, additional staff hours, and transportation for youth from school or licensed child care. These grants are supported by IMLS under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library. Questions? Contact Lysha Thompson, Youth Services Consultant, at lysha.thompson@sos.mo.gov or (573) 522-9564.

[Show Me Steps to Continuing Education: Individual Training Events](#) • **DEADLINE: Ongoing**

Interested in attending a professional development opportunity, but need additional funds? Show Me Steps to Continuing Education grants provide reimbursement for up to 75% of the costs of an eligible, non-credit continuing education event. These grants are supported by

IMLS under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library. If you have questions about Show Me Steps grant opportunities, please contact Merideth Johnson at (573) 751-1822 or merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov.

[Show Me Steps to Continuing Education: Group Training Events](#) • **DEADLINE: Ongoing**

Do you want to bring an expert to your library for training? This is a competitive grant program that provides funds for a host library or library consortium to plan and provide group training(s) on current, relevant, unique and/or in-demand topics at a local, regional or statewide level. Grants range from \$500 up to \$8,000. Virtual events are

also applicable. These grants are supported by IMLS under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library. If you have questions about this Show Me Steps grant opportunity, please contact Merideth Johnson at (573) 751-1822 or merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov.